

**Introduced by Senator Scott**

December 6, 2004

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2— Relative to Arts Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 2, as introduced, Scott. Arts Education Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2005 to be “Arts Education Month.”

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Arts education, which includes dance, literature,  
2 music, theatre, and visual arts, is an essential part of the basic  
3 education necessary to provide balanced learning for all pupils in  
4 kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive; and

5 WHEREAS, Arts education is necessary to develop the full  
6 potential of pupils' minds; and

7 WHEREAS, Arts educators recognize that a program of arts  
8 education is defined as a comprehensive, balanced, sequential,  
9 in-school program of instruction in the arts, taught by qualified  
10 teachers, designed to provide pupils of all ages with skills and  
11 knowledge in the arts in accordance with high national, state, and  
12 local standards; and

13 WHEREAS, The adoption of arts education standards to guide  
14 the development and implementation of arts instruction and  
15 activities facilitates a well-planned arts education program and  
16 enhances a pupil's opportunity to develop his or her initiative,  
17 creative ability, self-expression, self-evaluation, thinking skills,  
18 discipline, appreciation of beauty, and cross-cultural  
19 understanding; and

1 WHEREAS, National standards have been adopted for the  
2 visual and performing arts; and

3 WHEREAS, For 20 years the State of California has  
4 recognized the adopted visual and performing arts framework as  
5 the definition of arts education; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of California has adopted state  
7 standards for the visual and performing arts; and

8 WHEREAS, The arts education associations of the California  
9 Dance Educators Association, the California Music Educators  
10 Association, the California Educational Theatre Association, the  
11 California Arts Education Association, and the California  
12 Humanities Association each contribute to the betterment of arts  
13 education together and each in their own subject area; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
17 proclaim the month of March 2005 as Arts Education Month, as  
18 a symbol of their support to the value that arts education brings  
19 to the pupils' education and to the economic development within  
20 each community of this state; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of  
22 this resolution to each school district in the State of California  
23 and to the arts education associations for their individual action  
24 in support of March 2005 as Arts Education Month.